HOSPITAL SHIP PROGRAM

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Topics of Discussion

- MISSION
- HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT
- ORGANIZATION
- MANNING AND CAPABILITY
- NATIONAL ASSET
- GENEVA CONVENTION
- CHANGES

MISSION

- PRIMARY: PROVIDE MEDICAL CARE IN COMBAT
- SECONDARY: HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT

ORGANIZATION

- MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND & BUMED
- ACTIVATION (ROS—FOS)
- SUPPLY
- HABITABILITY

MANNING

- ROS CREW: 58 USN PERSONNEL AND 13 MSC PERSONNEL
- FOS: 1214 USN PERSONNEL AND 64 MSC PERSONNEL
- CRITICAL CORE
- 250/500/1000 BED CONFIGURATION
- 50 BED HUMANITARIAN CONFIGURATION

CAPABILITY

- MEDICAL: Limited only by training of personnel
- PATIENT ACCESS: Flight Deck/ Water Level
- LAB/BLOOD BANK/RADIOLOGY/IT
- WATER: 300,000 GAL/DAY
- OXYGEN: Main Deck plus cylinders
- SUPPLY: 30 DAYS; 2 LARGE SUPPLY BARNS (CAN RESUPPLY AT SEA)
- COMMUNICATIONS

NATIONAL ASSET

- FLEXIBLE DETERRENT OPTION
- NATIONAL COMMAND AUTHORITY ROLE

GENEVA CONVENTION

- NOTIFICATION OF LOCATION
- NO WEAPONS EXCEPT FOR SELF DEFENSE
- NO ENCRYPTED MESSAGE TRAFFIC
- RECENT ACTIONS BY USA AND USAF
- RECENT OPINION BY CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW

CHANGES

- NAVAL TRAINING PLAN
- COORDINATION BETWEEN BOTH PLATFORMS
- SEA ACCESS/PATIENT EGRESS
- ROC/POE
- AUTHORIZED MANNING DOCUMENT
- ?THE MISSING LINK IN CURRENT DOCTRINE?
- ?NEW HOSPITAL SHIPS?